

In memoriam

Lucien Appel

Prof. Lucien Appel left us on March 7, 1990, after a long and courageous fight against his illness.

After completing his medical studies in 1941, Lucien Appel started immediately in the Public Hospitals of Antwerp as the doctor on call for internal medicine. He continued to serve these Hospitals until the end of his career in 1982. His professional development is typical of the formation of many specialists in this period. After having been nominated as a part-time assistant in the Department of Medicine of Prof. Fr. Noeninckx, he specialised in Neurology, at the Instituut Bunge, under the direction of Baron Dr. L. Van Bogaert and later specialised in Neuroradiology through resident training in the Departments of Dr. James Bull in London, Prof. Wickbom in Goteborg and foremost of all Prof. H. Fischgold in Paris.

In 1965 the Public Hospitals nominated him as Neuroradiologist for the different Departments of Radiology of the Hospitals of Antwerp. This allowed him to develop his capacities to the fullest and to acquire very important experiences in his speciality which he then utilized in his practice in the Public Hospitals of Antwerp and also in the famous Instituut Bunge, which is known throughout as an outstanding centre of Neurology, then under the direction of Baron Dr. Ludo Van Bogaert.

The professional evolution of Prof. Lucien Appel encompassed the entire field of Radiology so that he was recognised in 1966 as Specialist in Radiology. This allowed him thus, in 1978, to become the Head of the Department of Radiology in the Bunge Institute and to succeed Prof. Ch. Dochez as Head of the Department of Radiology of the General Hospital of Middelheim and as Head-Coordinator of all the Departments of Radiology of the different Public Hospitals of Antwerp, a responsibility he retained until the end of his career in 1982.

Lucien Appel was a member of the Royal Belgian Society of Radiology, founding member of the European Society of Neuroradiology and member of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Neuroradiologie.

He was the adjunct secretary of the workgroup of Neuroradiology of the World Federation of Neurology.



He was docent at the University of Antwerp, responsible for the clinical training of students and assistants, Professor in Radiology and more particularly in Neuroradiology in the graduate and post-graduate cyclus of the Free University of Brussels.

Having been faced with serious health problems, Lucien Appel had, his entire life, showed a quiet courage which allowed him to surmount many problems which would have demoralized a less solid character.

With his sense of duty and humour he developed a philosophy which allowed him to judge things and people correctly and to face adversity without false illusions, while never losing his confidence in Humanity. Finding in himself, his family and his work the energy to face difficulties, the life of Lucien Appel can be considered as exemplary and it is in this way that he will remain in the memory of his innumerable friends.

Let us address to his wife Madeleine, his children Brigitte and Pierre and his entire family all our sympathy and our condolences on the occasion of this cruel mourning which affects them.

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